

Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Chairs Paulson and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Dr. Peter Geiss, JoAnn Weidmann, and Flor Gonzalez, and Supervisors Jim Jeskewitz, Duane Paulson, and Janel Brandtjen. Weidmann and Geiss left the meeting at 3:16 p.m. **Absent:** Citizen Members Joe Vitale and Michael O'Brien

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson (Chair), Jim Jeskewitz, Gilbert Yerke, Bill Zaborowski, Janel Brandtjen, and Kathleen Cummings. Zaborowski left the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and Yerke left at 3:16 p.m. **Absent:** Pauline Jaske.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Ann Olson, Interim Public Health Advisory Committee Chair Lori Cronin, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Senior Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz, Public Health Manager Nancy Healy Haney, Children & Family Services Manager Jesus Mireles, Intake & Support Services Manager Antwayne Robertson, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Pete Slesar, Wisconsin Correctional Services (WCS) Court Services Coordinator Sara Carpenter, Women's Center Program Manager Diane Ripple, Prevention & Protection of Abused Children (PPAC) Executive Director Raquel Mehring, Children & Family Services Advisory Committee Chair James Pearson, St. Charles Youth & Family Services Program Manager Judy Hickey, Birth to Three Manager Missy Kueht-Becker, Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj, and St. Joseph's Clinic Executive Director Jennifer Evans. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Correspondence

- Letter from Health & Human Services Board Member Vitale, who was unable to attend today, urging sufficient funding for CAFSAC needs (see page 2).

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Brandtjen to approve attendance for any committee members who attend the Health & Human Services Board's public hearing on April 23, 2009. Motion carried 6-0.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

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Future Agenda Items

Update on the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) – Farrell

Public Health Advisory Committee Needs Presentation

Cronin distributed information on the Public Health Advisory Committee's 2010 Public Health needs including a summary request. The PHAC is requesting that the Health & Human Services Board advocate for the Public Health Division to maintain its Level II status for 2010. During 2007, Milwaukee and Waukesha counties had a shigella rate over 16 times the average national incidence rate. A 2008 Wisconsin Immunization Registry assessment revealed that only 54% of two year olds in Waukesha and Milwaukee counties were up-to-date with their immunizations. An economic cost study in Waukesha County of the 2008 measles outbreak determined that the outbreak cost Waukesha County Public Health over \$37,000 in staff time. In addition to communicable disease issues in child care centers, preparedness deficiencies have also been identified. In recent years, Wisconsin has experienced various outbreaks that have put a tremendous toll on the public health system and have endangered the lives of children. The recent resurgence of vaccine-preventable diseases has put a renewed focus on immunization rates. Other recent vaccine-preventable incidences include a mumps outbreak in 2006 and a pertussis outbreak in 2004.

Geiss felt Public Health services will likely be in even more demand if more people lose their health insurance.

In order to maintain a Level II status and continue receiving CDC grant allocations, the Public Health Division must maintain seven State of Wisconsin approved preventive health programs. These state grant allocations subsidize and/or extend the Public Health Division Programs that are supported by local tax. These programs are the Influenza Program, Sexually Transmitted Clinic Services, Child HealthCheck Screening Program, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, High Risk Adult Medically Compromised Evaluation Program, Family Health Services Program, and the Nurse Call Center. Healy-Haney noted they are nowhere near a Level III and are currently hovering at Level II.

A reduction in any of the above programs could result in a reduction of CDC grant dollars to the Public Health Division. In 2009, grant funding totaled \$908,915. For the public's protection, it is being recommended that all public health programs and staff be adequately funded to continue as a Level II state public health agency. The 2010 estimated projected County cost to continue is \$3,639,486: a projected \$91,989 above the 2009 budget of \$3,547,497.

CAFSAC Advisory Committee Needs Presentation

Pearson distributed copies of a PowerPoint presentation on the Children & Family Services Advisory Committee's 2010 needs list which he discussed as outlined. To adequately sustain programs that promote family well being and community safety, there is an obligation to invest in the community. It is important to continue the current funding level to maintain existing community based services to avoid out of home placements. CAFSAC's identified needs are consistent with the outcomes identified by the community in Waukesha County's Strategic Plan.

Pearson said nearly one in ten high school seniors reported taking Vicodin in the last year without a prescription. Carpenter said Waukesha County had the second highest rate of domestic violence in the State in 2004. Between 2000 and 2007, there were 13 domestic homicides in Waukesha County. Funding to Wisconsin Correctional Services (WCS) was reduced by \$20,000 in 2008. In

2009, the WCS Juvenile Community Service Program was eliminated. Department social workers are now monitoring community service orders which impacts time spent providing direct service to clients. This resulted in a reduction of services (80 clients served in 2007 and 40 served in 2008). In 2008, the Home Detention Program served 146 at-risk youth. Home Detention costs \$20 per day versus \$226 in the Juvenile Detention Center or \$268 in corrections. The program had a total of 8,102 contacts with clients, parents, social workers, and school personnel in 2008.

Becker advised that \$1,000 in early intervention programming for a child with special needs will save \$4,000 to \$7,000 per child in 36 months. PPAC's cost to provide an in-home parent support worker is \$1,725 per family per year while the average cost for one child in foster care is about \$7,302 per year. Becker went on to discuss cost effective services such as the Birth to Three Program and respite care. Becker indicated that 5% of Waukesha children live below the federal poverty level, 4 in 1,000 children are on SSI, 17% of births are to single mothers, and 10% of children are eligible for free/reduced school lunch. There were 1,728 reports of maltreatment, 269 abuse reports substantiated, 44.6 per 1,000 juvenile arrests, 4,326 drug arrests, and of every 1,000 adults there were 2.5 domestic violence arrests. In 2008, 171 kids were in out-of-home care.

The Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention recognized a recidivism benchmark rate for juvenile offenders as 50%. The 2008 recidivism rate for juvenile offenders served by Waukesha County Health & Human Services Programs was 33.8%. As a result of increased investments in community program alternatives to placement, Waukesha County's juvenile correction placement rate was reduced from 39 children in 1983 to 11 children in 2008. Although Waukesha County has the third highest population of youth under 18 in Wisconsin (when compared to five counties of similar size), Waukesha County has the lowest number of out-of-home placements and one of the lowest rates in Wisconsin. Since 2003, there has been a loss of funding totaling \$1,701,436.

Schuler noted that even if the County taxed at the maximum of 3%, it still would not be enough to fill the hole left by all the withdrawn state funding. The lost funding will impact multiple areas of government but human services will be hit the hardest. Schuler said losing control of spending in deep end services, often due to mandates, will have huge impacts on the budget, on families, etc.

Zaborowski left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

COMBINED AGENDA ITEMS

Public Health Essential Standard #7

Healy-Haney distributed information on Essential Service #7: Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable. The governing body works to assure a supportive environment for the coordination of outreach and enabling services designed to facilitate access, service linkage, care management, transportation, and information for the entire community, with special attention to those who experience barriers to care.

Healy-Haney said they work closely with the Waukesha Family Practice, St Joseph's Clinic, the Lake Area Free Clinic, and the Community Hospital Low Income Clinic. The Public Health Division, Prenatal Care Coordination Program links and coordinates pregnant women to medical

and social services and adults and children to medical and social services. The division serves as advocates of the Hispanic Coalition Committee, the Dental Coalition board, the ProHealth Community Benefits Foundation Committee, and the Addictions Resource Council. The division provides screening and follow-ups at the Hispanic Health Fair, STI clinics, the County Mental Health Center Client Screening Program, and various community programs.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application

Luczaj distributed copies of “CJCC Technical Assistance Proposal – Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).” The purpose of the grant is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures in Waukesha County. The grant funding will be utilized to contract with the Public Policy Forum (PPF) to provide technical assistance to the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council in the areas of criminal justice research, analysis, and evaluation activities. The due date is May 18 and Waukesha County is eligible for \$18,619 over a one to four year period. No County match is required.

Luczaj said the PPF is willing to match that dollar amount to provide assistance to us. They are willing to commit a research analyst at 20 hours per month to take direction from the CJCC Executive Committee. The PPF believes this is a great opportunity to open the lines of communication between Waukesha and Milwaukee (with whom the PPF works closely) to determine worthwhile and effective programming. Luczaj said she has been impressed with the PPF’s work in the past and believes this will be a great working relationship.

Weidmann, Yerke, and Geiss left the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Tour of St. Joe’s Dental Clinic

Evans educated the committee and board on the St. Joseph’s Dental clinic and led them on a tour of the facility.

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Brandtjen to adjourn the committee meeting at 4:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Brandtjen to adjourn the board meeting at 4:05 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved on: _____

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary